

STORIES OF CAMP AND WAR

THE FIRST SHOT FROM SUMTER.

Private James Gibbons Was the Soldier Who Pulled the Lanyard.

In an article on Fort Sumter in the Philadelphia Independent Gazette of April 15, 1904, by Charles S. Bringham, one item says: "The first shot fired from Fort Sumter was by James Gibbons, of our company." In a letter to Gibbons, written in 1904, Bringham says: "Yes, James, you fired the first shot of the war out of Fort Sumter. Later, Bringham was orderly sergeant of the company and served in the war of 1861.

Early in the spring of 1864 Gibbons was one of over 100 cavalry, artillery and infantry soldiers under First Lieut. Stoneman and a corps of United States engineers who came on across the trackless desert of San Antonio, Tex.

Gibbons was assigned for duty with Capt. Richards, company C, First United States artillery, at Ringgold barracks and at Fort Clark, Tex. His time of enlistment expired November 15, 1866, and he lived for a time at Cincinnati, O., and New Orleans, La.

His old company I, under Capt. Magruder (late confederate general), had come east across the plains, and Gibbons reenlisted in his old company, five-year enlistment, was transferred to New York, then to company E, under Capt. Doubleday, in June, 1866, at Fort Moultrie, Charleston harbor, South Carolina. When Maj. Anderson evacuated Fort Moultrie, on the eve of December 26, 1866, and occupied Fort Sumter, the fort flag and other emblems were put in a barrel and Private Gibbons was detailed to guard the barrel and contents in transit.

Gibbons took a very active part in helping strengthen and in defending both Forts Moultrie and Sumter. He tells of many anecdotes and incidents of bravery by the women, officers and soldiers at both forts. At Fort Moultrie, when both Capt. Doubleday and Seymour were worn out by constant work by day and marching on the ramparts at night, Mrs. Doubleday and Mrs. Seymour stood watch, relieving each other every two hours while their husbands slept.

When Maj. Anderson allowed his officers to return the enemy's fire at 7:20 a. m., April 12, 1861, Capt. Doubleday sighted the first gun, and, at his orders, Private James Gibbons pulled the lanyard and sent the first shot from Fort Sumter. Some comrades doubted Gibbons' story. A letter was written to the war department, and the answer stated that Private James Gibbons answered to roll call the morning of April 12, 1861, at Fort Sumter. Capt. Doubleday's History contains the names of Corporal Charles Bringham and Private James Gibbons in company E.

GRANT, THE UNASSUMING.

Greatness of the General Shown in His Natural Simplicity of Manner.

Grant and Sherman were the only officers of high rank I ever met who did not change the atmosphere about them with military consequence. While at City Point I frequently joined my friends of Gen. Grant, staff, Porter, Babcock, "Billy" Dunn, and others, at his headquarters. The general, in undress uniform, always neat but not fastidious in appointments, would sit at the door of his tent, or sometimes on one of the long settees that faced each other under the tent-fly, smoke, listen, and sometimes talk; and not a soul of us from the youngest to the oldest ever had a thought of rank, writes Gen. Morris Schaff, in Atlantic. Without lowering his manner to the level of familiarity, he put every one at his ease by his natural simplicity. He had none of the caprices of moods or vanity. Quiet in his presence and natural in his manner, gentle in voice, of absolute purity in speech, of unaffected, simple dignity, Grant threw a charm over his campfire. West Point never graduated a man who added as little austerity or pretense to the peak of fame.

The Last to Fall.

A portrait has recently been obtained of the last man to fall in the civil war. He was a Union soldier, John Jefferson Williams, from Jay county, Indiana, a member of company B of the Thirty-fourth Indiana regiment.

The fight in which he was killed, occurred at Palmetto Ranch, Texas, on March 13, 1865, more than a month after Lee's surrender.

The word to lay down arms had not reached Texas at that time, and an engagement took place between a small force of union troops and a detachment of confederate cavalry. Williams was the only man killed.

An Old Revolver.

In the Royal Artillery museum at Woolwich, England, may be seen an eight-chambered matchlock revolver dating from the time of Queen Elizabeth.

AN ARMY STORY.

How O'Brien Rose From Drayman to Lieutenant Colonel.

A civilian and an army officer were talking. The civilian had suggested that the recent assignment of a troop of colored cavalry to duty at West Point had been made by the war department to mitigate the humiliation felt by the colored regiments because of the Brownsville affair. The civilian thought it was a compliment to send colored soldiers to the show place of the whole army, says the Chicago Daily News.

"Compromise?" said the officer. "Well, it may have been so intended by the department; for the department, the civilian part of it, doesn't necessarily know the status of the West Point detachments of cavalry and artillery. They really are not soldiers. They really are grooms. They used to be enlisted right there with a full understanding on the part of the man who enlisted of the sort of service he was getting into. They had houses and were allowed to marry and therefore many men were willing to enlist for a sort of service."

"But," said an ex-volunteer officer, who stood by, "I used to see Griffiths' West Point battery there in Virginia during the war, and it was a fine body of soldiers."

"Enlisted when the war broke out from farmer boys there on the Hudson," explained the army officer. "There was a nucleus of trained men in it, of course. The drivers, the men who ride the near horse in each of the three teams hitched to a battery, were trained men; for in my time they did not, as now, have cadets act as drivers in cadet artillery drill. The drivers were trained enlisted men. It takes a mighty good man to be an artillery driver."

"Do you remember Lieutenant Colonel O'Brien (this is not the real name which the army officer mentioned), who retired not long ago? He has two sons who are captains now, West Pointers, and a daughter who is married to a major. He was a driver in



O'Brien Went Into the Drill That Day.

Griffiths' battery. There was a queer chain of circumstances that took him along from drayman to lieutenant colonel and made his sons graduates of the institution where he started in by scraping artillery horses.

"O'Brien was a drayman in New York city, not long over from Ireland, a strong, husky chap and with an excellent command of his fists. One day he got in a jam away down there at the time end of the city and a policeman spoke more harshly to him than O'Brien liked. He jumped down from his dray, which was so tightly wedged in that the horses would have to stand, and thumped the policeman to a finish. The policeman called for help and a lot of other policemen took up the chase as fast as he passed them and the others behind shouted on the word to them.

"O'Brien got to the waterside just as a tug with a lot of empty canal boats was starting up the Hudson. He leaped over three feet of water and hid in one of the boats. The police could have nabbed him, of course, if they had known he was on the water, but they thought he was behind some lumber pile, and so he escaped. The captain of the tow boat let him work around a little until they made their first landing, which happened to be West Point. Then he put O'Brien ashore.

"Being penniless, he was glad to enlist in the artillery detachment, which had a vacancy just then. He went to work scraping horses. One day a driver was laid up and the artillery instructor was fuming around wondering what he should do. O'Brien spoke up and said that he knew how to drive. Sitting on a plunging horse with your right leg done up in front to keep it from being crushed against the pole between you and the other horse isn't quite like driving a dray, even under the most exciting conditions of dray driving, but the lieutenant colonel couldn't do any better and so O'Brien went into drill that day as driver of the middle team of a caisson.

He was strong, intelligent and a quick and he stayed driver.

"Sumter was fired on soon afterward and O'Brien went to the front with Griffiths and got promoted right along. After the war he was transferred to the regulars. So in time he was retired as a lieutenant colonel, all because he got mad and licked a cop in lower New York. If he hadn't been able to lick the cop the cop might have held him. Then O'Brien would have had 30 days in jail, gone back to his dray and next known that he had escaped wearing shoulder straps with silver leaves on them."



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WAYS OF WEARING VEIL.

Several New Ones are in Vogue at the Present Time.

The box plaited topknot to the wedding veil is now the accepted fad of fashion. Most often the upturning plaits are arranged in the form of a coronet, but again they are narrowed together into one square, upturning bunch of plaits, which shall have the effect almost of a Spanish comb.

These plaits are held in place by either a wreath of flowers or a tiara. The last, even of diamonds, is worn by the bride who is fortunate enough to possess one. Miss Florence Flower, now Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Barby, married not long ago, had her veil of malines, held by a gorgeous diamond tiara. It was first box plaited at the crown of the head. Sometimes the hair is waved in the new, high standing Parisian waves, which build the coiffure up high. The dainty flower wreath is laid around this, and then the mass of maline box plaits is built up from the back to surmount the crown of the head, like the numberless heavy headresses that are worn. One advantage about this style is that it certainly gives the bride height should she need it.

For the bride who prefers the wide pompadour the veil may be draped in a small bow or sort of double little puff or rosettes laid flat on the crown of the head and intertwined with her flowers. For the girl who wears the Greuze coiffure, who wears already a ribbon of white tulle or gauze inter-threaded in her hair, with one or double rosettes near her ears, the veil may be simply attached under this coiffure. Young women who affect this coiffure—of course, it is only suitable for the most girlish type—have a shell hairpin with a hole near the end like a needle for threading the gauze ribbon through.

A HOME-MADE ROSETTE.

Easily Made Affair That Will Help the Slipper.

It is the ambition of every girl and young woman to own some of the dainty satin slippers in white or gay colors that are now so much in vogue. But, unfortunately, to the average woman these slippers, especially where it is necessary to have a number of them to match different gowns, prove an expensive luxury far beyond the reach of a moderate allowance.

One thrifty young person, however, not to be daunted by obstacles, has hit upon a way of providing herself with the most up-to-date looking slippers at a minimum cost. She buys a perfectly plain pair of suede slippers of good shape, but destitute of bow or buckle, at less than half the cost of the decorated ones, and then proceeds to trim them herself with the new knotted ribbon rosettes which are seen on all the high-class dancing slippers.

These rosettes are so easy to make that any girl can concoct them. Buy seven yards of ribbon about half an inch wide and the exact shade of the slipper. Divide it in two parts, and

cut each half into two-inch pieces. Tie each of these short pieces in a loose knot directly in the middle and fold the piece over so the two ends come together and the knot is on top. Then cut out a round piece of crinoline and sew the knotted pieces on it, beginning at the outer edge and working in toward the center until a full, pretty rosette is made. This should then be sewed securely to the top of the slipper.

It is surprising how such a simple little affair will improve a cheap, new slipper, or freshen up an old pair, even one that has been discarded as having seen its best days.

Roses on Blouses.
Fashion now commands her devotees to wear flowers in profusion, not only on hats but on lace. The newest Parisian lace blouses bear painted rambler roses, in color approaching a pure pink. The deeper carnation of the garden variety also is seen.

Buckles representing tiny garden flowers are novelties in millinery trimmings. They are placed straight across the front of a mushroom hat, forget-me-nots, pinks and violets being used. Another novelty consists of minute wreaths of flowers linked together to form a chain which encircles the crown of a wide brimmed hat.

Yes, it is clear the fashionable milliners do not recognize anything except youth in their customers. It is not of the slightest consequence if the marks of time are accentuated by the proximity of bright colors. The edict of the milliner is: "Take what we give you, or leave it. And, leaving it, you are hopelessly out of fashion."

Block Quilt.
Here is a piece sample of a quilt which some of your readers have been asking for. I have not seen it in any

paper as yet. Thought the ladies would think it strange that I did not send it in after I had written about it. I have seen several inquiries about it lately.—Alberta.

The High Sandal.
The new footwear is nothing less than fascinating, and not the least interesting item is the high sandal, which partakes of all the most charming characteristics of the low shoe and the high boot. The back and sides are like the ordinary boot, while the front is cut in many little straps, each with its own particular decorations of bows, buckles or beading. Tan and all shades of brown shoes are popular almost to the exclusion of black and are worn with costumes of all colors.

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